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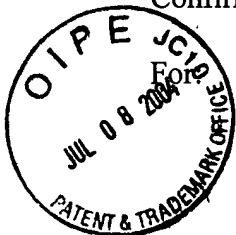
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USING A CLUSTER-WIDE SHARED REPOSITORY TO PROVIDE THE
LATEST CONSISTENT DEFINITION OF THE CLUSTER (AVOIDING
THE PARTITION-IN-TIME PROBLEM)



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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 6, 2004. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment

Please amend the application as follows: